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1. During the period from 15 to 22 September 1954 there were heavy troop concentrations in the Foochow area. During this week a daily average of 80 trucks, each carrying 60 to 70 (sic) soldiers, moved southward along the Fukien coast from the Foochow area.¹ Most of the troops involved wore yellowish uniforms and caps. [redacted] these men were being returned from Korea. Some of the troops wore dark-colored uniforms and local civilians stated that these men had been selected from the best of the home guard (sic), on the basis of their knowledge of the terrain, to lead the regular troops as commando units (sic). The majority of the troops were equipped with Soviet-type submachine guns and automatic rifles; only a few soldiers carried bolt-action rifles. 25X1
2. Between 15 and 22 September thirty-seven pieces of heavy artillery, alleged to be reinforcements for the Weit'ou (N 24-32, E 118-34) area, were towed south along the Foochow-Chinchiang-Amoy highway. These pieces were mounted on tank-type treads and had an overall length of more than 30 Chinese feet.² 25X1
3. During mid-September the Chinese Communists completed the rehabilitation of the highway from Weit'ou to the Foochow-Chinchiang-Amoy highway. This road was widened five meters on each side with rock and cement.³
4. Since the beginning of [redacted] September, anti-aircraft guns in Amoy were enclosed and dispersed throughout the city and its suburbs. Anti-aircraft emplacements were located mainly on hilltops and tall buildings, including the following: 25X1
 - a. The top of the Yung An Tung (3057/1344/2016) Building on Chung Shan (0022/1472) Road formerly owned by the late WU Wen-hu (0702/2429/5706).
 - b. The Overseas Chinese Bank building near the ferry.

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- c. The Tung Ying (0681/5391) Textile building on Ta T'ung (1129/0681) Road.
 - d. The City Hall at the south gate of the city park.
 - e. The Hung Lou (4767/2869) building opposite the south gate of Chungshan Park.
 - f. Nan P'u T'o (0589/2528/7094), where there were one to three guns.
 - g. Huo T'ou (5706/7333) Hill, where there were two to five pieces. Ranking Communist officials and Soviet advisors formerly lived on this hill but they have since moved into the city.
 - h. Wang Kao (2489/7559) Hill behind the Tung Wen (0681/2429) School and opposite the T'ai Ku (1132/0657) Dock.
 - i. Hu Ch'i (5706/3305) Hill
 - j. The Amoy University buildings, where there were three to five guns.
5. The headquarters of the Quemoy Liberation Army, originally in the mansion on Huo T'ou Hill, has been moved to Sung Yu (1529/1546) on the opposite side of Kulanghsu (N 24-26, E 118-04). The commanding officer of these forces is YEH Fei (5509/7378) of the 10 Regiment (sic); their overall commander is CH'EN I (7115/3015).⁴

Comments

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- 1. Since the start of the "pocket war" around Chinmen in early September recurrent reports have been received of substantial movements of men and military supplies from Foochow toward Amoy. The 31 Army remains the only major Chinese Communist unit reliably identified in the Amoy area however.
- 2. From the fact that these pieces were being towed, it would seem that they were not self-propelled guns but rather something in the nature of the Soviet 152-mm. gun M1935. The Chinese Communists are not known to possess weapons of this type, however. Aerial photography has confirmed a recent buildup of artillery emplacements in the Weit'ou area.
- 3.
the Weit'ou-Shihshih (N 24-44, E 118-38) was recently repaired. Source may have meant that the highway was widened a total of five meters.
- 4. This paragraph was probably based on local hearsay. The "Quemoy Liberation Army" is probably a propaganda title for the 31 Army. YEH Fei and CH'EN I, both prominent military figures, are the commanders of the 10 Army Group and the 3 Field Army, respectively.

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